No funds are allocated to any State under the Total Sanitation campaign as it is a demand driven programme. The central funds released to Andhra Pradesh for 2005-06 is Rs. 4300.09 lakh, for 2006-07 is Rs. 9455.20 lakh, 2007-08 is Rs. 878.78 lakh and for 2008-09 till date is Rs. 1391.81 lakh. All rural districts of the State have been approved projects under this programme.

Fake bank guarantees by contractors in Himachal Pradesh

1059. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State PWD has been rocked by a major scam in which fake bank guarantees running into crores of rupees have been submitted by contractors awarded works under PMGSY in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government had received a letter in this regard and names of the officers/ contractors who are involved for misusing of public money and actions taken by the State Government against guilty officers/contractors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir. The fact is that some of the bank guarantees submitted by contractors have not been confirmed by the issuing bank/next higher authority of that bank in respect of PMGSY works.

(b) and (c) Name of the contractors involved in this and action taken against them is given in the table below:-

Sl.No.	Name of contractors	Package No.	Status
1.	Shri Rajesh Thakur	HP—10—79 HP—06—35 HP—08—80 HP—08—03	FIR registered. Matter under police investigation.
2.	Shri Rakesh Thakur	HP—06—04	FIR registered. Matter under police investigation.
3.	Shri Harish Negi	HP—10—85	FIR registered. Matter under police investigation.
4.	Shri Satish Negi	HP—09—60	FIR registered. Matter under police investigation.
5.	M/s. Himgiri Engineering construction works Prof. Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari	HP—08—98	Matter under investigation.